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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM

CX-AZ-320-2005-005

SRP No.: AZ-030-04-008

PROJECT NAME: Special Recreation Permit to Dry Creek Outfitters

TECHNICAL REVIEW:

(X)	Program	Reviewer	Signature	Date
	Air Quality			
	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern			
X	Botanical, including T & E Species	K. Reichhardt		
	Communications (Dispatch)			
X	Cultural Resources	S. Arnold		
	Energy Policy			
	Environmental Justice			
	Farm Lands (Prime or Unique)			
	Fire Management			
	Floodplain			
	Hazardous Material			
X	Lands/Realty	S. Fusilier		
	Land Law Examiner			
	Law Enforcement			
	Minerals			
	Native American Religious Concerns			
	Non-Native Invasive Species			
	Operations			
X	Recreation	A. Curtis		
	Soils			
	Socioeconomic			
	Standards for Rangeland Health			
	Surface Protection			
	Visual Resources			
	Wastes, Hazardous or Solid			
	Water Rights			
	Water Quality, Drinking or Ground			
	Wetlands/Riparian Zones			
	Wild & Scenic Rivers			
	Wilderness			
	Wild Horses and Burros			
X	Wildlife including T & E Species	K. Reichhardt		

Prepared by: _____

Date: _____

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Date: _____

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Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____

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Location: Arizona Game & Fish Department Hunting Unit 44 B North, La Paz County, Arizona (see attached maps).

Applicant: Dry Creek Outfitters
55050 Baker Trail
Yucca Valley, California 92284

Description of Proposed Action: Issuance of a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) to Dry Creek Outfitters for public lands within Arizona Game & Fish Department Hunting Unit 44 B North. Dry Creek Outfitters would provide professional guide services to Arizona desert bighorn sheep hunters for 16 days or less. The SRP applicant and their clients would commute daily to the area for the duration of the hunt and no base camp would be established.

Categorical Exclusion Reference: 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4: H.5. Issuance of special recreation permits to individuals or organized groups for search and rescue training, orienteering or similar activities and for dog trials, endurance horse races or similar minor events.

Required Stipulations:

1. The permittee shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, postings, or written requirements applicable to the area or operations covered by the Special Recreation Permit. The permittee shall ensure that all persons operating under the authorization have obtained all required Federal, State, and local licenses or registrations. The permittee shall make every reasonable effort to ensure compliance with these requirements by all agents of the permittee and by all clients, customers, participants, or spectators under the permittee's supervision.
2. A Special Recreation Permit authorizes special uses of the public lands and related waters and, should circumstances warrant, the permit may be modified by the BLM at any time, including the amount of use. The authorized officer may suspend a SRP if necessary to protect public resources, health, safety, the environment, or noncompliance with permit stipulations.
3. No value shall be assigned to or claimed for the permit, or for the occupancy or use of Federal lands or related waters granted thereupon. The permit privileges are not

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to be considered property on which the permittee shall be entitled to earn or receive any return, income, price or compensation. The use of a permit as collateral is not recognized by the BLM.

4. Unless expressly stated, the SRP does not create an exclusive right of use of an area by the permittee. The permittee shall not interfere with other valid uses of the Federal land by other users. The United States reserves the right to use any part of the area for any purpose.
5. The permittee or permittee's representative may not assign, contract, or sublease any portion of the permit authorization or interest therein, directly or indirectly, voluntarily or involuntarily. However, the authorized officer may approve contracting of equipment or services in advance, if necessary to supplement a permittee's operations. Such contracting should not constitute more than half the required equipment or services for any one trip and the permittee must retain operational control of the permitted activity. If equipment or services are contracted, the permittee shall continue to be responsible for compliance with all stipulations and conditions of the permit.
6. All advertising and representations made to the public and the authorized officer must be accurate. Although the addresses and telephone numbers of the BLM may be included in advertising materials, official agency symbols may not be used. The permittee shall not use advertising that attempts to portray or represent the activities as being conducted by the BLM. The permittee may not portray or represent the permit fee as a special Federal user's tax. The permittee must furnish the authorized officer with any current brochure and price list if requested by the authorized officer.
7. The permittee must assume responsibility for inspecting the permitted area for any existing or new hazardous conditions, e.g., trail and route conditions, land slides, avalanches, rocks, changing water or weather conditions, falling limbs or trees, submerged objects, hazardous wildlife, or other hazards that present risks for which the permittee assumes responsibility.
8. In the event of default on any mortgage or other indebtedness, such as bankruptcy, creditors shall not succeed to the operating rights or privileged of the permittee's SRP.
9. The permittee cannot, unless specifically authorized, erect, construct, or place any building, structure, or other fixture on public lands. Upon leaving, the lands must be restored as nearly as possible to pre-existing conditions.
10. The permittee must present or display a copy of the Special Recreation Permit to an authorized officer's representative, or law enforcement personnel upon request. If

required, the permittee must display a copy of the permit or other identification tag on equipment used during the period of authorized use.

11. The authorized officer, or other duly authorized representative of the BLM, may examine any of the records or other documents related to the permit, the permittee or the permittee's operator, employee, or agent for up to 3 years after expiration of the permit.
12. A Post-Use Report must be returned to the authorized officer within 30 days after the use season. This report will be used to determine if additional fees are required of the permittee based upon total permitted use. For hunting and fishing outfitters, the report is due by January 31 for every year the permit is in effect. If the permittee desires, use reports may be submitted periodically throughout the permit period.
13. The permittee is required to contact the Authorized Officer annually, at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the use season, to discuss any changes in the previous year's operating plan. Significant changes in the operating plan may require additional environmental analysis and permit stipulations.
14. The applicant/permittee is required to contact private landowners whose property is affected by the use associated with the permit. Evidence that permission has been obtained to use private property must be available upon request.
15. The BLM authorized officer must first approve any changes to the Operating Plan.
16. The permit will remain valid only if annual fees have been paid.
17. The applicant/permittee is required to provide the Authorized Officer with a copy of a valid insurance policy or proof thereof covering the periods of use, before any use under this permit begins. The required minimum general liability limits are: \$300,000 per occurrence and \$600,000 annual aggregate for bodily injury; and \$20,000 per occurrence and \$50,000 annual aggregate for property damage, if the policy specifies aggregate limits. The U.S. Government and the permittee must be named as named, additional or co-insured on the policy. All liability policies are to specify that the insurance company shall have no right of subrogation (substitution) against the United States of America. If the insurance company declines to issue the waiver, the United States must be named as additional insured on the permittee's policy. The permittee shall indemnify and hold harmless the United States against any liability for personal injury, loss of life, or property damage arising in any way from activities under the permit.
18. All motor vehicle use will comply with existing local off-highway vehicle regulations. "Local off-highway vehicle regulations" refer to BLM Off-highway vehicle designations on BLM administered lands as established in the Resource

Management Planning process, or in emergency closures authorized by an BLM manager.

19. If a permittee's performance is found to be unsatisfactory, the authorized officer can modify or revoke the permit at any time.
20. All signs on public lands must be authorized by BLM in writing.
21. Collection of prehistoric or historic artifacts is prohibited. Disturbance, defacement, or excavation of prehistoric and historic sites is also prohibited.
22. The collection or disturbance of archaeological resources on Federal Lands is prosecutable under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. Disturbance of human graves of natives is a violation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.
23. Harassment of livestock, wildlife, wild horses or burros, or destruction of private and public improvements such as fences and gates is prohibited. The taking of any threatened or endangered plant or animal is prohibited. Gates will be left open or closed, as they are found.
24. The permittee will practice Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! outdoor ethics. See the enclosed reference materials.
25. Practice proper precautions for noxious weed spread by cleaning vehicles and using certified weed-free feed for livestock.

Compliance and Monitoring Responsibility: Recreation and Visitor Services staff of the BLM Yuma and Kingman Field Offices

Decision:

BLM has determined that the proposal conforms to the land use plan, is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria, and that it will not involve any significant adverse environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review. The Proposed Action will have no effect on the President's Energy Policy and a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required. The proposed action will be implemented subject to the stipulations within the authorizing document.

Approved by: _____
Thomas F. Zale
Yuma Field Manager

Date: _____

Categorical Exclusion Review

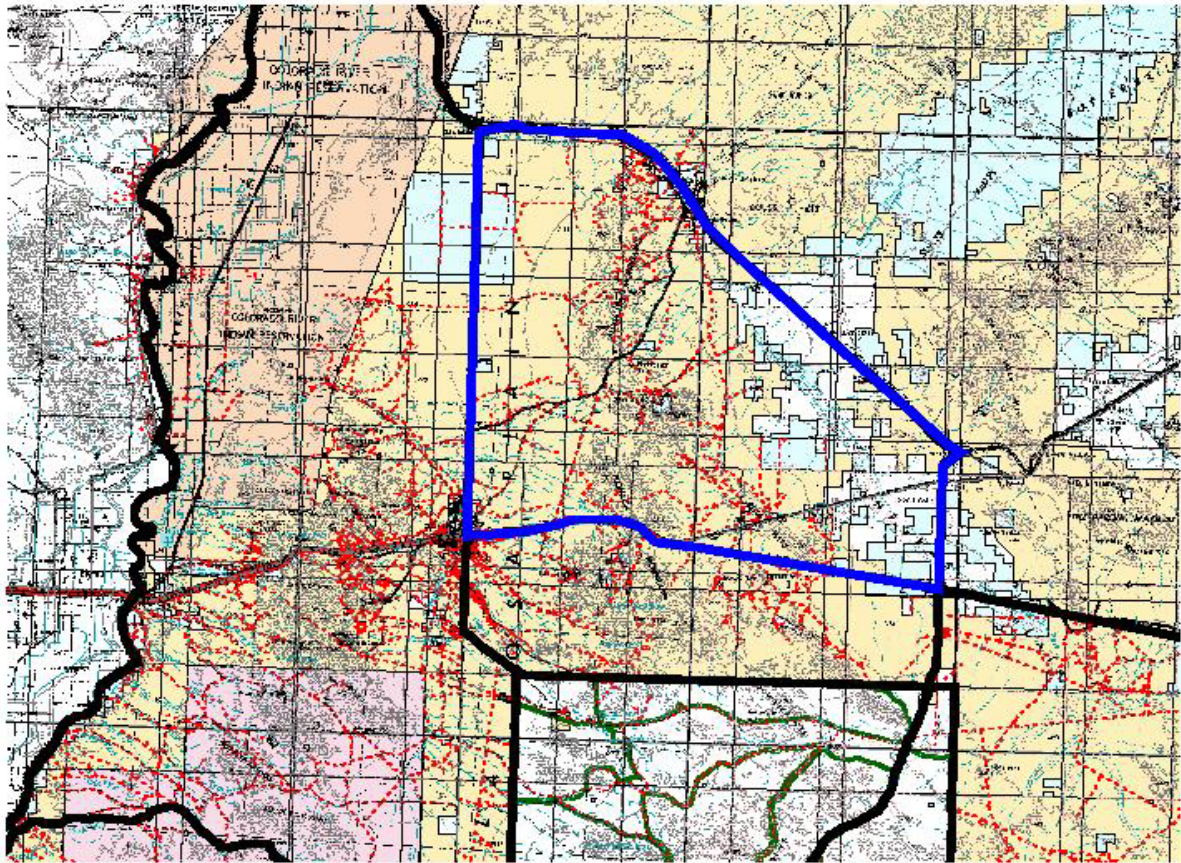
Department of the Interior Departmental Manual 516 2.3.A(3) provides for a review of the following categorical exclusion criteria to determine if exceptions apply to this project. The following exceptions apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (CX).

Environmental documents must be prepared for actions which may:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1 Have adverse effects on public health or safety.		
2 Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or main drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
3 Have highly controversial environmental impacts.		
4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects, or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
5 Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
6 Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
7 Adversely affect properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
8 Adversely affect species listed, or proposed for listing, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or adversely affect designated critical habitat for these species.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
9 Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
10 Threaten to violate federal, state, local, or tribal law, or requirements imposed for protecting the environment.	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>



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